BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD 712 Kansas Avenue Topeka, Kansas 66603-3817

In The Matter)			
of)	Case	No.	640
Kathleen M. Steiner, LSCSW)			

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Now on this ____ day of _____, 1996, the above-captioned matter comes before the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (Board) by agreement of Kathleen M. Steiner, (Licensee) and the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board for the purpose of settling the above-captioned case.

Licensee hereby acknowledges the following:

- 1. Kathleen M. Steiner is a licensed clinical specialist social worker within the meaning of the Kansas regulation of social workers act, K.C.A. 65-6301 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- 2. On or about December 11, 1995, the Board received a report of information concerning Licensee's conduct alleging Licensee may have violated statutes and regulations governing the practice of social work, to wit:
- (a) K.S.A. 65-6303(a), prohibiting the practice of social work for compensation unless licensed;
- (b) K.S.A. 65-6307(a), authorizing the right to practice and use designated titles only if licensed;
- (c) K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(4), unprofessional conduct as defined by K.A.R. 102-2-7(b)(12), engaging in professional activities, including advertising, involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; and/or
- (d) K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(4), unprofessional conduct as defined by K.A.R. 102-2-7(b)(45), practicing social work in an incompetent manner.
- 3. The Board conducted an investigation concerning Licensee's alleged violation of statutes and regulations.
- 4. During the investigation, Licensee was informed of the reported information, and was given the opportunity to respond to the allegations, and did respond to the allegations.

5. As a result of the investigation, the Board makes the following factual determinations:

Kathleen M. Steiner's license to practice as a specialist clinical social worker expired on August 31, 1995. Ms. Steiner continued to practice as a specialist clinical social worker and bill as such until September 25, 1995 when she received notice from the Board of the expiration of her license. Subsequent to that time she practiced under supervision until her license was reinstated on November 15, 1995. On February 7, 1996 Ms. Steiner's attorney sent letters on Ms. Steiner's behalf to all insurance companies who made payments to Ms. Steiner during the period of time that she was not licensed.

- 6. The Board further determines that reasonable grounds exist to believe the Licensee violated:
- (a) K.S.A. 65-6303(a), prohibiting the practice of social work for compensation unless licensed;
- (b) K.S.A. 65-6307(a), authorizing the right to practice and use designated titles only if licensed; and
- (c) K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(4), unprofessional conduct as defined by K.A.R. 102-2-7(b)(46), practicing social work after expiration of the social worker's license.
- 7. The Board further determines that there was no violation of K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(4), unprofessional conduct as defined by K.A.R. 102-2-7(b)(12), engaging in professional activities, including advertising, involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.
- 8. The Board further determines that there was no violation of K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(4), unprofessional conduct as defined by K.A.R. 102-2-7(b)(45), practicing social work in an incompetent manner.

HOWEVER, Licensee and the Board mutually desire to enter into the Consent Agreement and Order in lieu of adjudicative proceedings to resolve the report of alleged violations.

WHEREFORE Licensee waives all rights to an adjudication of facts and law which could be determined pursuant to a hearing conducted in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act in relation to Case No. 640.

WHEREFORE Licensee waives the right to file a motion for reconsideration and all rights of appeal pursuant to the Kansas act for judicial review in relation to Case No. 640.

WHEREFORE Licensee consents to continued licensure as a specialist clinical social worker on the following conditions:

- (1) Within four months of the date Licensee is notified of Board approval of this Consent Agreement and Order (as indicated in the Certificate of Service), Licensee will submit a 10 page, double spaced, typed, original paper pertaining to the rationale for state licensure of social workers. The paper shall be a professional paper in the American Psychological Association (APA) style with at least 10 professional references integrated within the context of the paper. Upon final Board approval of the paper, the case file will be closed.
- (2) This Consent Agreement and Order constitutes the entire agreement between the Licensee and the Board and may be modified or amended only by written agreement signed by the parties.
- (3) Licensee shall be responsible for all costs incurred in satisfying the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.
- (4) Notification of the Consent Agreement and Order shall be provided to another jurisdiction's licensing board if the Licensee is also licensed, registered or certified in another jurisdiction.
- (5) This Consent Agreement and Order is reportable to the American Association of State Social Work Boards (AASSWB).
- (6) Evidence of Licensee's willful failure to comply with any of the conditions will result in a hearing, with notice and opportunity to be heard, to determine whether Licensee has in fact willfully failed to comply with any conditions. Upon determination at such hearing that Licensee has willfully breached, violated or failed to comply with any condition, Licensee understands and agrees that the license shall be suspended for 4 months.
- (7) Licensee acknowledges an affirmative duty to notify the Board within five (5) days of any changes in personal or professional status which would inhibit compliance with conditions. In such event, a designee of the Board is authorized to modify or amend this Consent Agreement and Order in writing.

WHEREFORE Licensee consents to the submission of this Consent Agreement and Order to the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, and understands that upon approval of the Board, this Consent Agreement and Order becomes a final order of the Board.

WHEREFORE the Board agrees that so long as Licensee complies with the above conditions that the Board will not initiate further disciplinary action against Licensee in relation to violation of K.S.A. 65-6303(a), K.S.A. 65-6307(a) or K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(4) as defined by K.A.R. 102-2-7(b)(46).

WHEREFORE the provisions above are consented to and are hereby made the final order of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board which become effective on the date indicated in the below Certificate of Service.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

John Homlish, Chairman Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

APPROVED AND CONSEMTED TO:

Kathleen M. Steiner

 $\frac{3/29/96}{(\text{date})}$

Certificate of Service

This is to certify that on the 7^{th} day of ______, 1996 a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

Kathleen M. Steiner

and

Sharon R. Lowenstein Attorney At Law 4505 Madison Kansas City, MO 64111

For the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board